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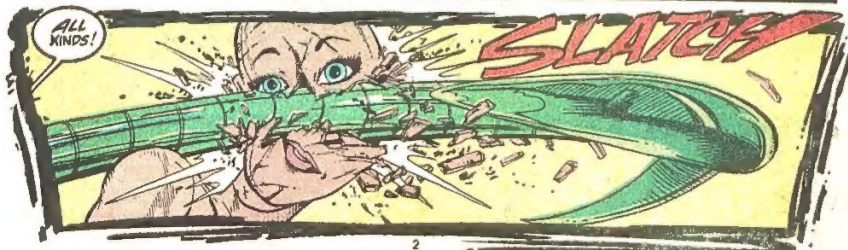
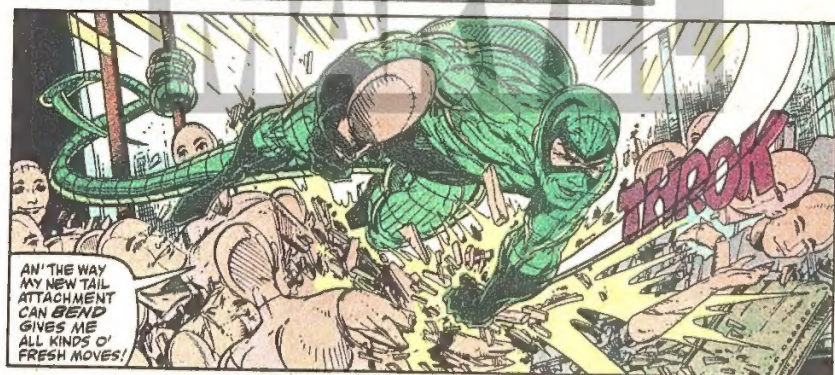
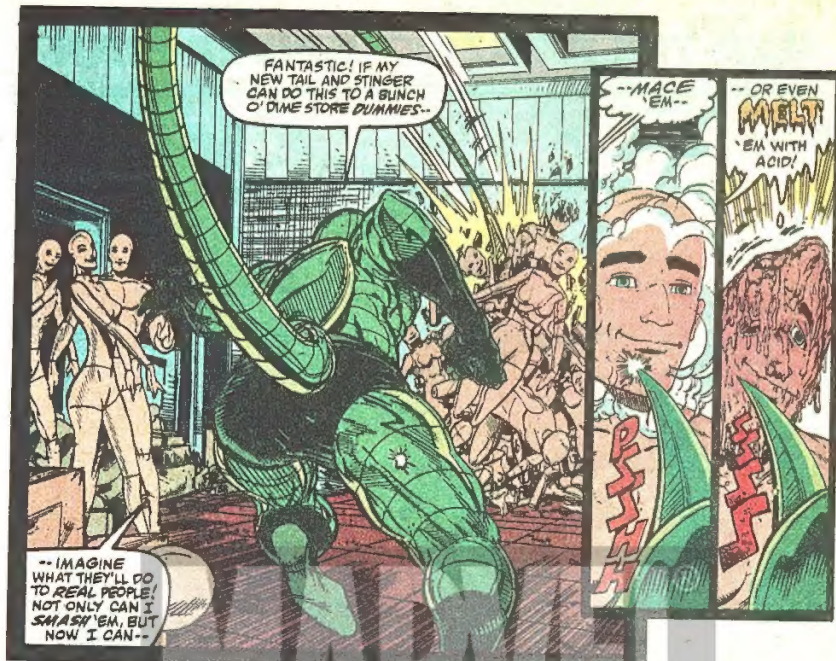
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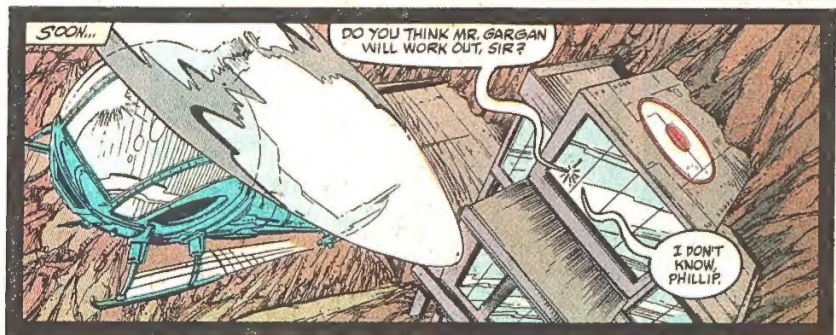
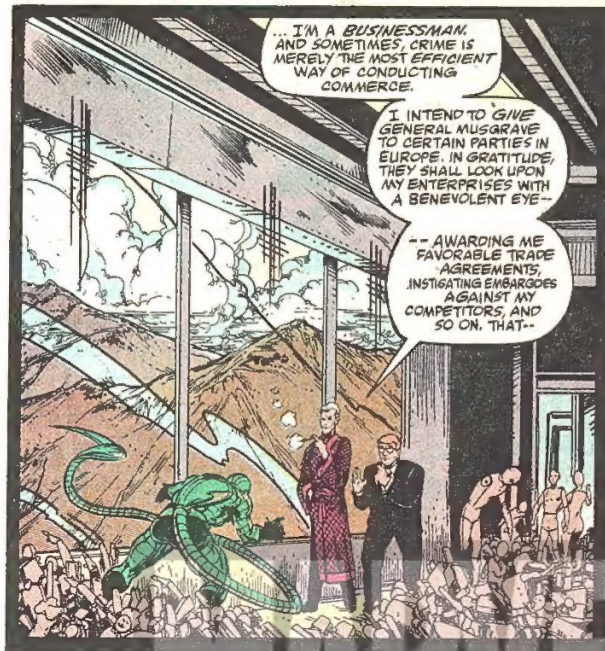
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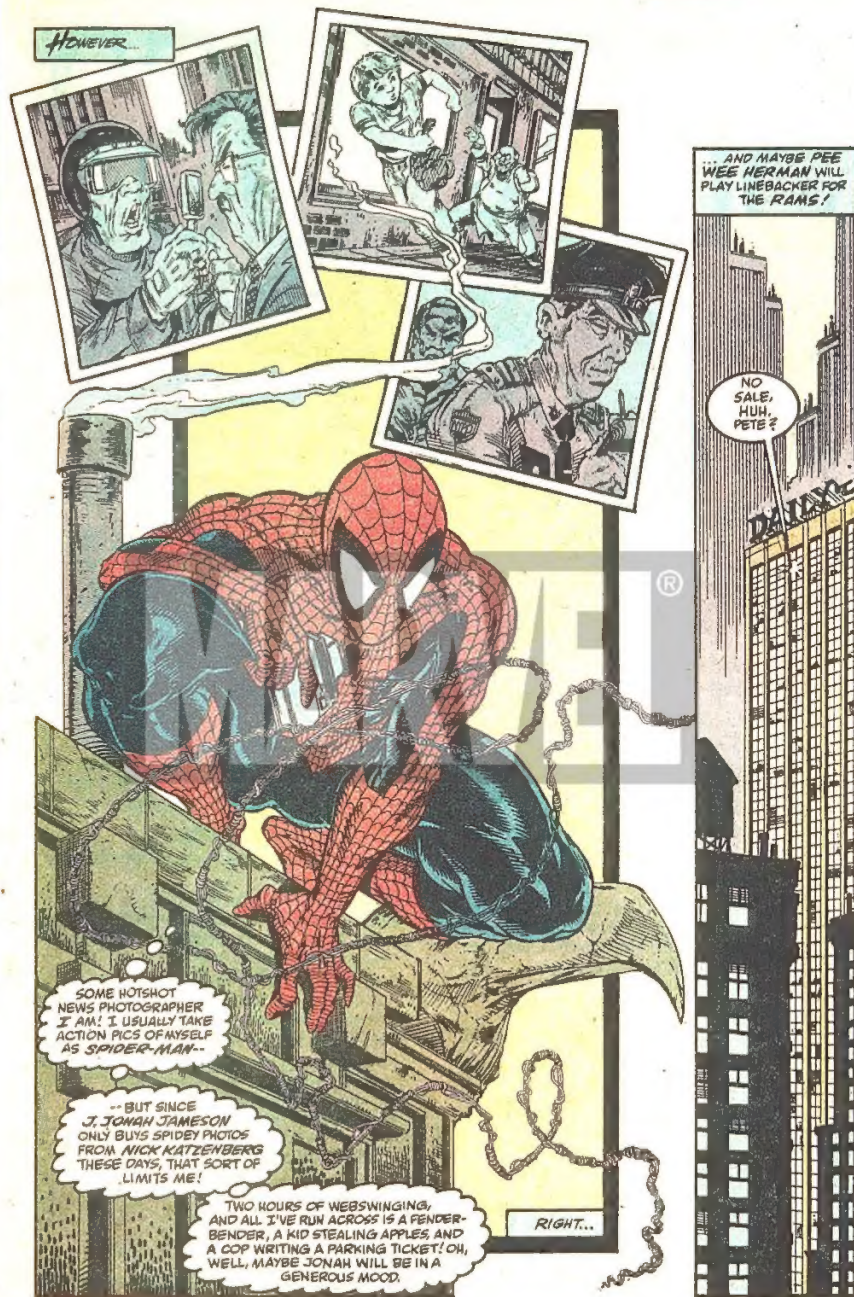
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HOWEVER...

...AND MAYBE PEE
WEE HERMAN WILL
PLAY LINEBACKER FOR
THE RAMS!

NO SALE,
HUH,
PETE?

SOME HOTSHOT
NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER
I AM! I USUALLY TAKE
ACTION PICS OF MYSELF
AS SPIDER-MAN--

-- BUT SINCE
J. JONAH JAMESON
ONLY BUYS SPIDEY PHOTOS
FROM NICK KATZENBERG
THESE DAYS, THAT SORT OF
LIMITS ME!

TWO HOURS OF WEBSWINGING,
AND ALL I'VE RUN ACROSS IS A FENDER-
BENDER, A KID STEALING APPLES, AND
A COP WRITING A PARKING TICKET! OH,
WELL, MAYBE JONAH WILL BE IN A
GENEROUS MOOD.

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THREE
A.M.

MAY PARKER'S FOREST
HILLS BOARDING HOUSE.

WHE...WHERE'VE
YOU BEEN?

SORRY, PETER, I DIDN'T MEAN TO WAKE
YOU. I RAN INTO SOME FRIENDS AND WENT
DANCING. I WAS GOING TO CALL YOU, BUT...

HEY, LIGHTEN UP! PARTIES
ARE FUN. YOU SHOULD GO
TO MORE.

YOU'RE
NEVER
HOME
ANMORE.

I'D
LIKE
TO
YAWN...

IT'S ALMOST
LIKE YOU LOOK
FOR EXCUSES TO
STAY AWAY.

-- BUT ONE OF
US HAS TO WORK
FOR A LIVING.

ONE--?! YOU THINK I DON'T WANT
TO WORK?! THAT I LIKE LIVING IN
ONE CRAMPED ROOM IN SOMEONE
ELSE'S HOUSE? WELL, LISTEN TO
THIS, BUSTER--

-- AT LEAST WHEN I'M
DANCING I DON'T WORRY
ABOUT SOME COSTUMED
GEEK RIPPING YOUR
HEAD OFF...

BAMP

-- AND USING IT FOR
A BLOODY HOOD
ORNAMENT.

I GUESS IT SEEMS
THE WORLD'S TRYING
TO TEAR YOU APART.
LIKE IT'S TRYING TO
TEAR ME APART--

HEY, TAKE
IT EASY. WE'RE
BOTH TIRED--!

-- BUT LET'S NOT
LET IT TEAR US
APART... OKAY?

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EVENTUALLY, THREE A.M.
MAKES ITS WAY TO MANHAT-
TAN, TO A SOHO LOFT WHERE
HARRY OSBORN, PETER
PARKER'S OLDEST FRIEND,
COMES TO A CONCLUSION:

THIS IS
PERFECT!

I FEEL A LITTLE GUILTY, SNEAKING
OUT ON LIZ AND THE BABY LIKE THIS.
BUT I HAD TO BE SURE! I MEAN,
WHEN SO MANY OF MY BLOCKED-
OUT MEMORIES RETURNED-- *

-- ONE OF THEM WAS
THAT MY DAD, NORMAN,
OWNED THIS BUILDING!

-- THE SECRETS OF
THE GREEN
GOBLIN!

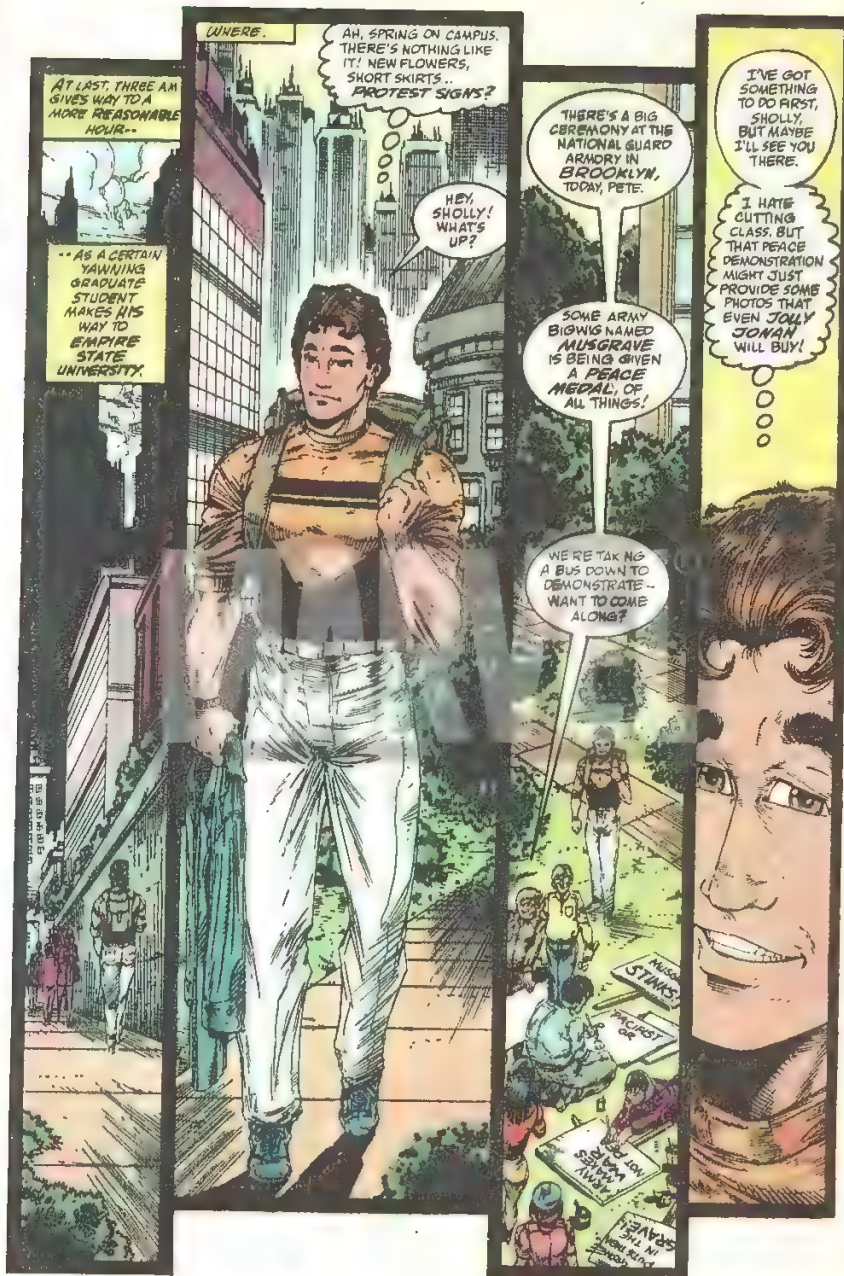
NOW IT'S
MINE, ALONG
WITH THE REST
OF HIS LEGACY--

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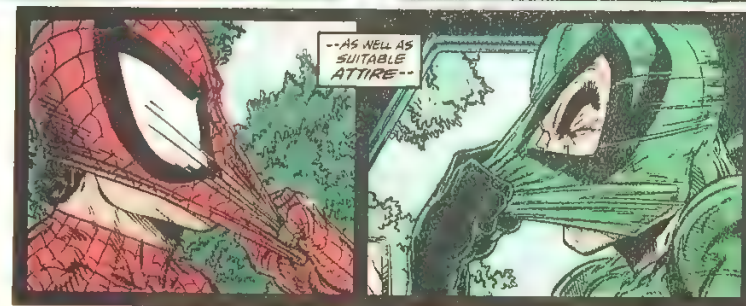
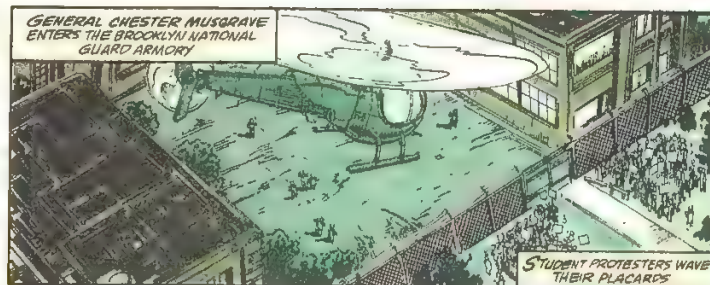
BUT TIME IS
SHORT! AND
THERE'S ONE
MORE TASK
I HAVE TO
COMPLETE--

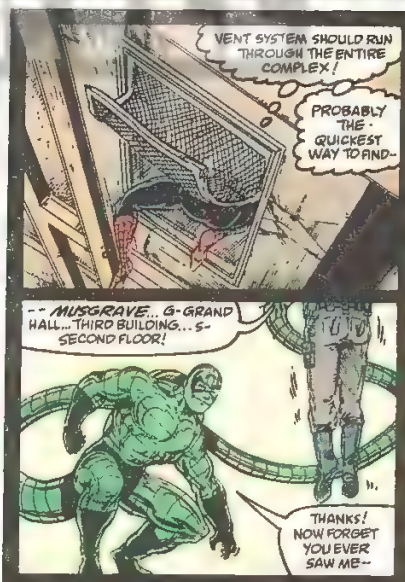
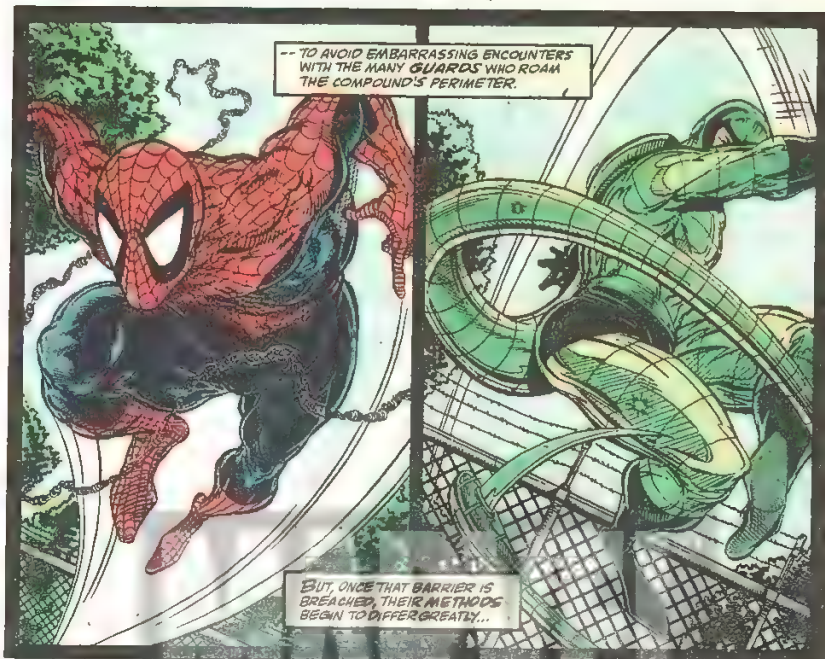
-- BEFORE SETTING MY
MASTER PLAN IN
MOTION!

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FORTY-FIVE MINUTES LATER...





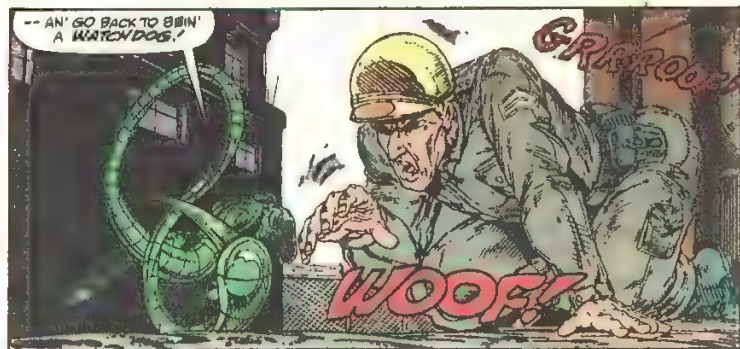
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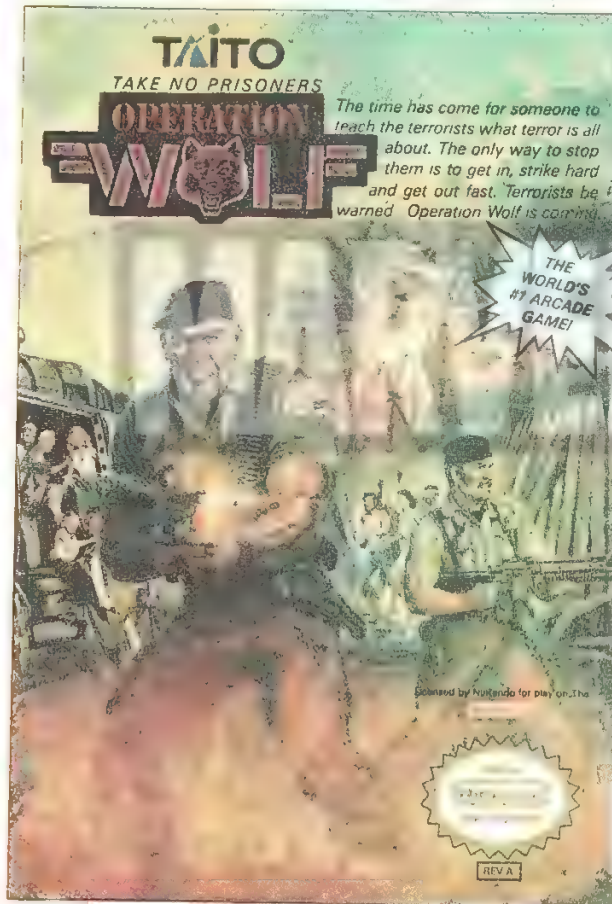
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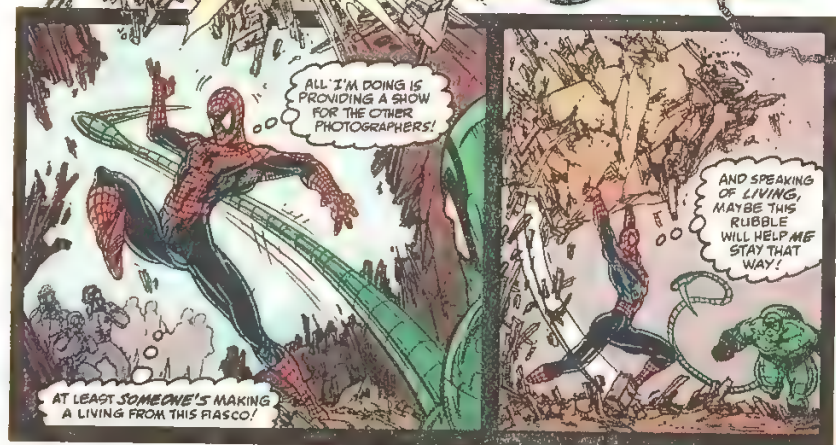
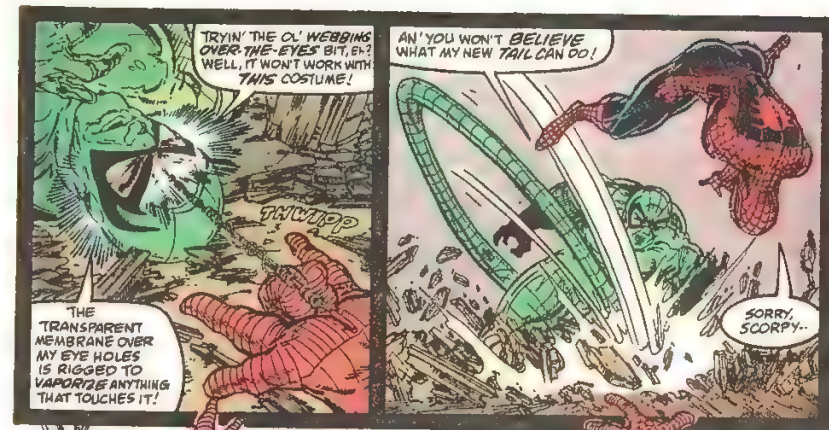
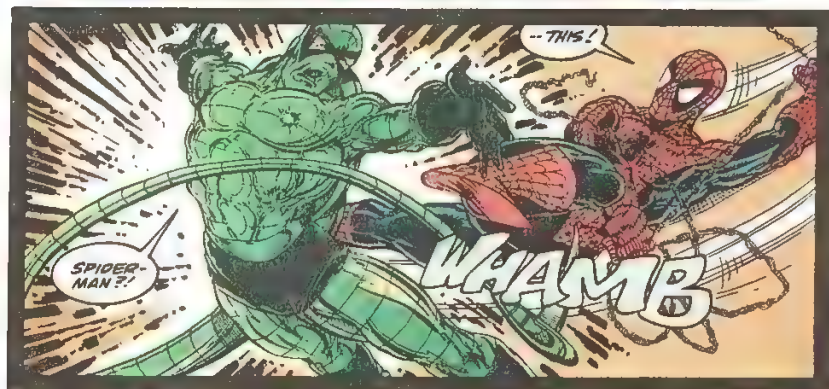
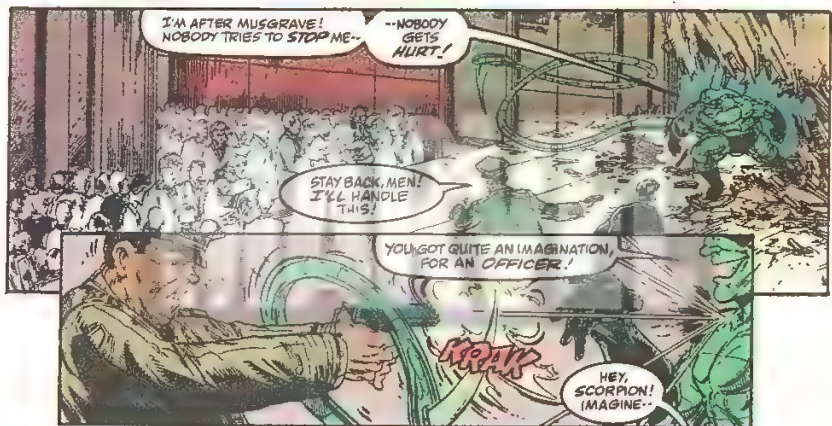
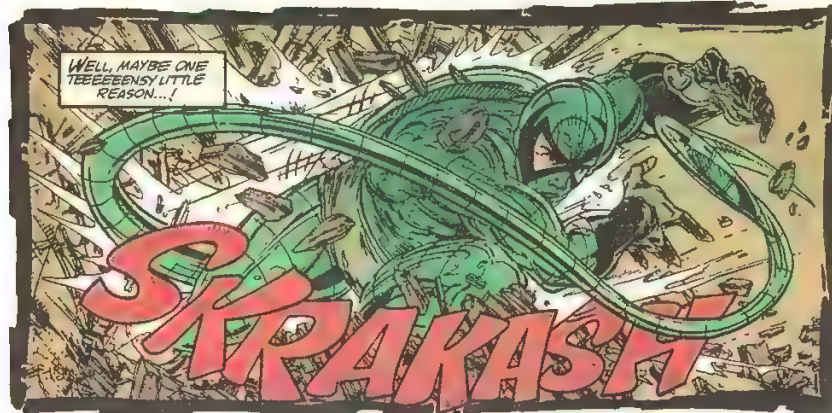


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ITEM: Two new staffers recently climbed aboard the good ship *Marvel*, and we'd like you all to say hello to Liting *Lisa Trusiani*, who will be Sizzling *Sid Jacobson's* assistant editor on our stunning *Star* line of books, and Ravishing *Renee Wittersteiner*, who will assist *Craggy Craig Anderson* on *SILVER SURFER*, WHAT IF...?, *SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN*, and the upcoming *SAGA OF WOLVERINE* Limited Series. Welcome to the Hallowed Halls, Lisa and Renee—and we hope your stays at *Marvel* will be long and full of fun!

ITEM: And while we're in the welcoming mode, let's hear it for the new crew we have comprising our Editorial Administration Pool! Assisting Two-Fisted *Tom D.* and Madcap *Mark G.* in managing *Command Central* are Scintillating *Suzanne Galfrey*, Mellow *Mara Javins*, and Effervescent

This is dedicated to *Frank Giacoia*, an illustrator superbly gifted as both a penciler and an inker. For the past few years he had specialized in inking. He was one of the best, one of the all-time greats. In later years he developed heart trouble, and on February 4, 1989, the comic book world and *Marvel* in particular lost this truly talented man, this artist in every sense of the word.

But Frank was more than an artist. He was a friend, a co-worker whose unflagging good spirits and whose willingness to help and advise others will never be forgotten by those who worked with him, knew him and loved him.

Evan Skolnick

Without these hardworking heroes to handle the zillions of details which creep up on you when you're running the most exciting comic book company in the world, poor *Tom* and *Mark* wouldn't even know what day it was! (Of course, even with our administrative assistants extraordinaire, our two head honchos blow more than their fair share of dead-nets!)

ITEM: We interrupt this Bullpen Page to

I remember *Frank Giacoia* and his brilliant illustrations since the early days of *Timely Comics*, long before we changed our name to *Marvel*. I remember his now-classic newspaper strips: one, *Johnny Reb*, about the Civil War, the other starring *Sherlock Holmes*. I remember the many sparkling episodes of our early *Spider-Man* strip which he so brilliantly inked, as well as the countless other *Marvel* classics embellished by his magic brush.

But most of all, I remember his warmth, his humor and especially his friendship, a friendship which was treasured by all who knew him.

We miss you, *Frank*. The Bullpen's firmament has lost a star.

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Profile: SARA TUCHINSKY

Assistant Editor on: THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE UPDATE 89 SHIELD, SOLO AVENGERS, MARVEL MASTERWORKS, NICK FURY, WOLVERINE GRAPHIC NOVEL, the soon-to-be-classic CAPTAIN AMERICA VS. THE ASTHMA MONSTER, and a bunch of one-shots and trade paperbacks.

Marvel freelance credits: Wrote a *Scarlet Witch* story for *MARVEL FANFAR* with *Kieron Dwyer*, and an inventory story for *Epic's POWER LINE*, plus tons of letters pages and a crossword puzzle for *CAPTAIN AMERICA VS. THE ASTHMA MONSTER*.

My place of birth is: Chicago, Illinois.

People who knew me in high school thought I was: Short.

My hobbies are: Baking the world's best chocolate chip cookies, procrastinating, cleaning my desk, brown-nosing *Howard Mackie* so he'll let me play with his new baby.

My pet peeves are: *Greg Wright*, people who vote for *Greg Wright* instead of *Howard Mackie* as "favorite editor" in the CBG poll, working for *Greg Wright*, and, of course, the New York City subway system (which is run by *Greg Wright*).

My favorite performers are: *Katharine Hepburn*, *Caro Leifer*, *Sam Neil*, *Geena Davis*, *Humphrey Bogart*, *Peter Lorre*, *David Letterman*, *John C. Reese*.

The last good books I read were: *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* and *Date Due*.

The last good movie I saw was: *Lawrence of Arabia*.

If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: I'd like to be played by *Kathleen Turner*, but I'd probably

be animated instead.

My oddest habit is: Explaining things fully, and completely to people who already know what I'm talking about. They hate it.

My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Definitely not my wedding. The reason I got into comics was... I didn't like the uniforms at *Pizza Hut*.

The biggest influences on my work include: *Tess McGill*, *Kieron Dwyer*, *Louise* and *Walter Simonson*, *John Rozum*, *Madam Harrod* (my high school French teacher), the island of *Bermuda*, *Kyle Baker*, and my mother. Oh, and *Howard Mackie*, of course.

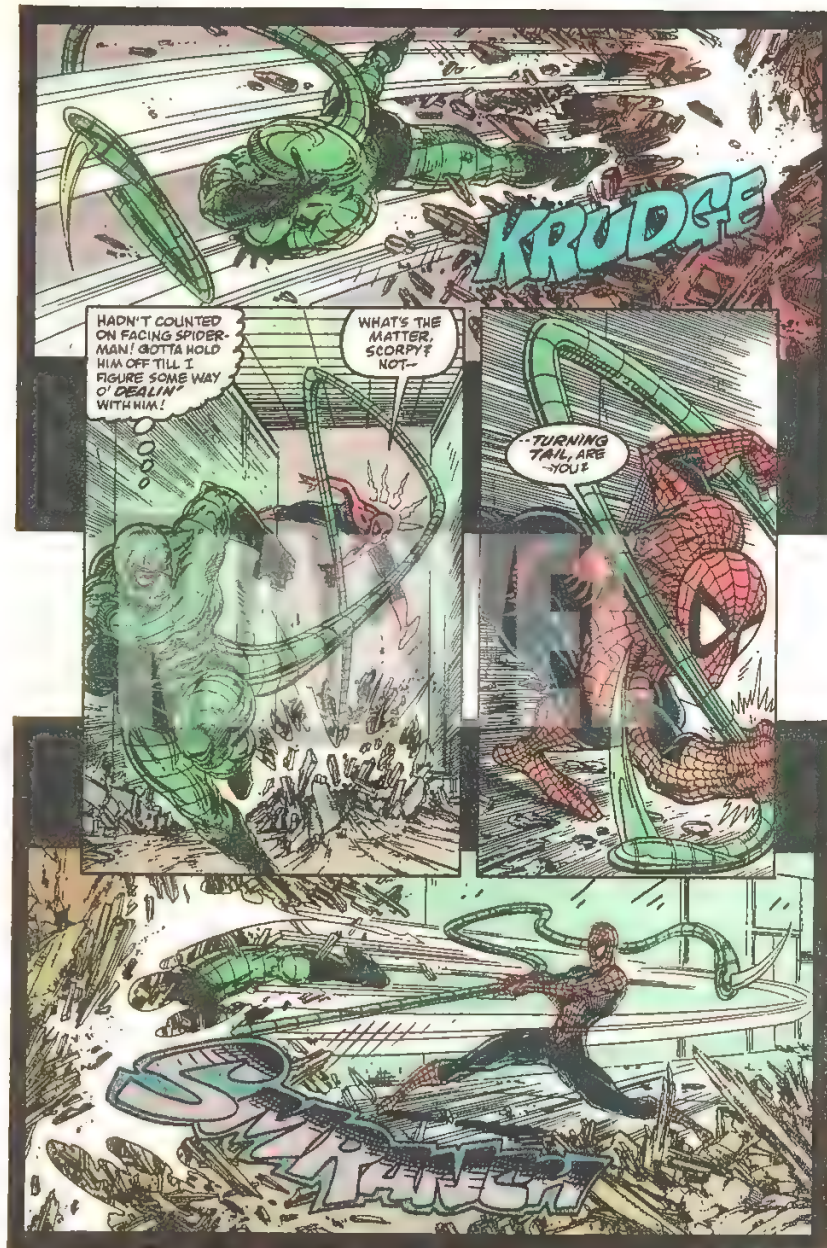
The single work of which I am most proud is: Being the top of the *Marvel Madmen* pyramid at the *San Diego Convention*.

My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: To become an editor and show everyone that *Greg Wright's* job isn't as hard as he always says it is. The worst part of my job is: *Greg Wright*. When nobody's looking I like to: Stretch out to my full height.

The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: I'm taller than I really am.



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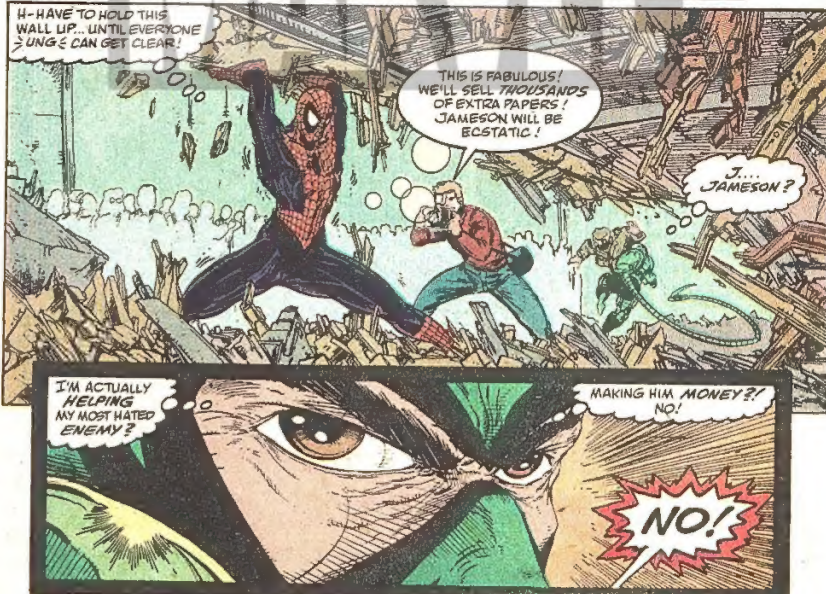
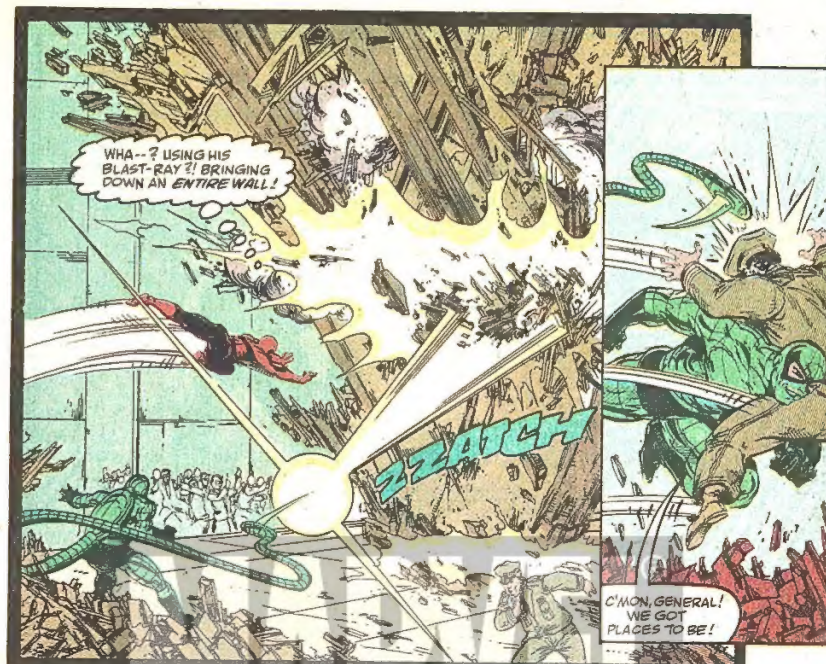
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Dear Jim,

Did AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #309 mark the last we'll see of the devious Jonathon Caesar? I think not! A nut case like him will not abandon his obsession, Mary Jane Watson-Parker, for long. Remember, what Caesar wants, Caesar gets. He may not wear a costume, but he makes some of Spider-Man's biggest enemies look like boy scouts. And when he comes looking to claim his red-headed prize, our favorite wall crawler better watch his back. He may not be so lucky next time.

Philip Amara
Boston, MA

As you well know by now, Philip, Jonathon Caesar is making his ill-presence felt in Mary Jane's life even while behind bars. Although he kicked Peter and MJ out of their condo, wait till you see MJ's revenge in this year's SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL!

Dear Spider-People,

I am writing this letter to tell you how much I enjoyed AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #308 and #309. It was great to see Spider-put loose! These issues brought out a side of Spider-Man that we haven't seen since Gwen Stacy died back in AMAZING #121 and #122.

Also, I wanted to tell you how much I like Todd's artwork. Mary Jane is hot! So keep up the good work.

Rodney Walford
318 East 9th
Grand Island, NE 68801

Dear Friendly Neighborhood Spideyphiles,

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #309 inspired me. I've just started picking up this book, mostly because Todd McFarlane's art is so good. But I'm also happy with the writing.

When MJ got kidnapped, I expected the woman-as-helpless-victim routine along with a traditional rescue. (Ho-hum, I've seen them all before.) So it was really wonderful to see Mary Jane save her own behind (and Spidey's, too). David, you really made my day! I even let out a little cheer in the privacy of my own living room. Also, the "Aww" at the end was a cute touch.

And I really like Todd's webs.
And in real life, I hate spiders and squish them dead every chance I get.

Wendy Joy
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Well, Wendy, Jim Salicrup keeps a terrarium filled with spiders on his desk for inspiration. So if you don't keep reading the Spider-titles, he will make a trip up to Canada and dump them all in your bed one night while you sleep.

Dear Sirs,

I have noticed you rarely print negative letters. I sincerely hope you do at least read them. The quality of AMAZING under Michelinie/McFarlane has been consistently disappointing. McFarlane's art is quite distinctive, but it has a heavily mannered quality which I find irritating. And while I heartily agree that MJ looks great, she also looks absolutely nothing like the MJ of the past 20 years or so. A little respect for tradition might be nice.

My main complaint, however, is with Michelinie's predictable, linear storylines and vapid characterizations. The interesting subtleties of Peter's personality have been ironed out as he has grown callous toward human life (with Chance), unconcerned about the escape of dangerous criminals (Doc Ock and the Chameleon), and glibly sanctimonious (with Web Cassaday). Recent issues have been a little better, but even the kidnapping of MJ was handled in a stiff and ultimately saccharine manner. And issue #300, which contradicted the events in SPECTACULAR #109 and the spirit of WEB #1 was simply unforgivable. "Sock-bam" action seems to have taken the place of suspenseful plot.

I read the Spider-Man titles because I have found the character lively and provocative. It saddens me to see Michelinie undoing that. I sincerely hope you can find a more suitable replacement in the near future.

Corey S. Powell
4630 Hunt Avenue
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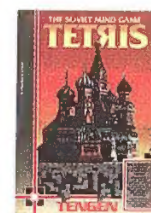
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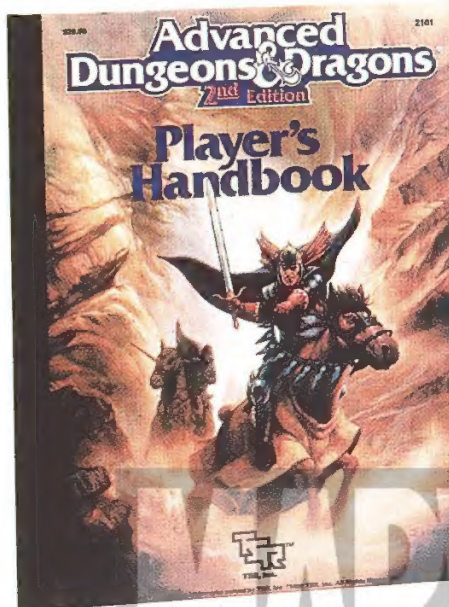
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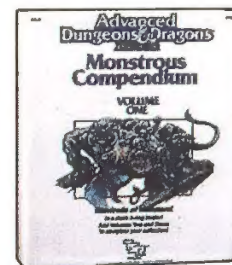
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